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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. CARTER FOREIGN POLICY: THE RAMIFICATIONS OF POTENTIAL  
CARTER ADMINISTRATION FOREIGN POLICY CONTINUED TO RECEIVE  
PROMINENT PORTUGUESE PRESS COVERAGE. SAMPLE HEADLINES, COMMENTARIES  
FOLLOW:

A. ELECTIONS: RIGHT-WING PORTUGUESE MAGAZINE "JORNAL  
PORTUGUES DE ECONOMIA E FINANÇAS" CARRIED NOVEMBER COVER  
HEADLINE, "AMERICAN ELECTIONS - VICTORY OF WHAT AND WHOM  
- APPARENTLY OF MEDIOCRITY". ARTICLE CRITICAL OF CARTER  
CONCLUDED, "A POLICY OF GIVING IN TO THE EAST, PROGRESSIVE  
ISOLATIONISM, AND CONTINUATION OF A SURRENDER TACTIC COULD  
LEAD TO THE LOSS OF AMERICAN POWER, TO SOVIET HEGEMONY, AND  
EVEN TO WAR."

B. AZOREAN VIEW: IN AN INTERVIEW IN NOVEMBER 29 "JORNAL  
NOVO", AZOREAN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MOTA AMARAL  
EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE ISOLATIONISM OF  
CARTER. AMARAL ALSO REAFFIRMED HIS BELIEF THAT THE PORTUGUESE  
GOVERNMENT IS IN WEAK NEGOTIATING POSITION VIS-A-VIS  
LAJES BASE BECAUSE OF RECENT U.S. LOANS GRANTED TO PORTUGAL.

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C. AFRICA: "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" NOVEMBER 30 CARRIED STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS THAT "THE U.S. WILL NOT INTERVENE TO SAVE WHITE AFRICA".

2. CIA: SEVERAL PORTUGUESE NEWSPAPERS REPORTED "TIME" ARTICLE STATING THAT THE CIA HAD RECOVERED SOVIET NUCLEAR SUBMARINE. "O SECULO" NOVEMBER 30 HEADLINED ITS ARTICLE, "THE CIA WENT FISHING."

3. U.S. LOAN: "O DIA" NOVEMBER 30 REFERRED TO LATIMES ARTICLE STATING THAT A "MINI-MARSHALL PLAN WAS NECESSARY TO SAVE THE PORTUGUESE ECONOMY AND DEMOCRACY."

4. COMMUNIST PRESS: THE AZOREAN AND ANGOLA DOMINATED THE ANTI-AMERICAN THEMES IN COMMUNIST PRESS, EXAMPLES:

A. "DIARIO DE LISBOA" NOVEMBER 29, COMMENTING ON THE ADMISSION OF ANGOLA TO THE UN, CALLED THE DECISION OF THE U.S. NOT TO VETO APPLICATION "A VICTORY FOR THE POLITICS OF AGOSTINHO NETO." THE ARTICLE CONTINUED, "HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE AN ILLUSION TO THINK THAT THE U.S. IS READY TO LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ANGOLAN AND AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS."

B. AZORES: "DIARIO DE LISBOA" ARTICLE NOVEMBER 30 ACCUSED AZOREAN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MOTA AMARAL OF WAITING TO CREATE A NEW PUERTO RICO OUT OF THE AZORES, WHERE "THE U.S. COULD STERILIZE MEN AND WOMEN WITH HELP FROM AID, INSTALL POLLUTING INDUSTRIES, AND OBTAIN CHEAP HUMAN BLOOD, A PROFITABLE BUSINESS IN THE U.S."  
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